UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

1 - Mr. Roach
1 - Mr. Rosen

DATE: January 15, 1969

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Goble

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For information, Layton Martens, former associate of late David Ferrie, advised New Orleans Office 1/14/69 he might be called by Clay Shaw as defense witness to repudiate testimony of prosecutior Martens sought FBI advice as to course for him to follow, claiming knowledge which might come out at trial of CIA affiliation with anti-Castro organization in which late Attorney General Robert Kennedy involved. New Orleans told Martens FBI had no comment to make.

Martens, 25 years old, is the individual who on the date of the assassination of President Kennedy was living at the home of David William Ferrie. Ferrie is the man who died in 1967 and who ha been mentioned by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison as involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. Martens was calle by Garrison to testify before the Grand Jury in New Orleans and following his testimony was indicted for perjury.

On 1/14/69 Martens voluntarily appeared at New Orleans Office and advised of possibility he might be called as defense witness for Clay Shaw. He stated Shaw's attorneys have told him of this possibility. He indicated hesitancy to testify in view of possible cross-examination concerning information on CIA affiliatio with Cuban Revolutionary Front in 1961. He stated he might be forc to reveal details of involvement of CIA and the late Attorney Gener Robert Kennedy with this organization.

Martens claimed both he and Ferrie were associated with this organization. He stated he had had a letter of authorization from Robert Kennedy identifying him, Martens, as a representative c this organization. Martens sought advice as to what course to follow. He was informed that FBI had no comment to make.

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ACTION:

For information. Dissemination being made to CIA and Department of Justice.

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